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- (a) In this section, "corporate document" means:
  - (1) Articles of incorporation;
  - (2) Articles of amendment;
  - (3) Articles of joinder; or
  - (4) Articles of withdrawal.
- (b) (1) When a corporate document is filed with it, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall:
- (i) Endorse on the corporate document the time and date the corporate document was received; and
  - (ii) Examine the corporate document.
- (2) If, after examination, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation determines that the corporate document is proper, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall:
  - (i) Issue a certificate of approval;
- (ii) Include with the certificate of approval a copy of the corporate document; and
  - (iii) Record a copy of:
    - 1. The corporate document; and
    - 2. The certificate of approval.
- (c) When the State Department of Assessments and Taxation issues a certificate of approval under this section:
  - (1) The corporate document is effective;

- (2) The district exists as provided in the corporate document; and
- (3) The corporate document is conclusively presumed to have been adopted lawfully.

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